# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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Fuel Emission Norms
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to modernise all of its oil refineries to achieve its fuel norm targets as fuel quality is a key component to determine the air pollution in the cities and if so, the details thereof and the action plan prepared by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in this regard including expenditure incurred thereon;
(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce the BS-IV quality fuel in all cities by 2017 and BS-VI fuel by 2020 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for slow adoption of these fuel quality norms;
(c) whether OMCs and vehicle manufacturing companies have expressed their inability to make BS-VI standard fuel engine by 2020 and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade Auto Fuel Policy and has constituted an Expert Committee to draft Auto Fuel Vision and Policy, 2025 to bring country's fuel quality at par with global norms and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the efforts made by the Government/OMCs to upgrade the fuel quality in a time bound manner?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) & (b): Government has decided for supply of BS-IV auto fuels in the entire country by 01.4.2017 in a phased manner as indicated below:-
BS-IV gasoline/diesel coverage
Target date for commencement of supply
Whole of Northern India covering J&K (Except Leh/Kargil), Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and the bordering districts of and parts of Rajasthan and Western Uttar Pradesh.
1st April, 2015
All of Goa, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Odisha and the Union Territories of Daman & Diu, Dadra-Nagar-Haveli and Andaman & Nicobar, parts of Maharashtra and parts of Gujarat.
Corridor spanning the highway link through Gujarat and Rajasthan linking Northern India to the ports on the West Coast will also be covered.
1st April, 2016
Rest of the Country
1st April, 2017
BS-IV auto fuel supply has already been commenced in the areas covered in the first two phases. Further, this Ministry has also issued an order on 22.05.2015 to all OMCs & other stake holders conveying its readiness for switching over directly from BS-IV to BS-VI quality fuel w.e.f. 01.04.2020.
In pursuance of the decision of the Government, Oil Companies have started upgrading their refineries with an investment of Rs. 30,000 crore for 100% BS-IV fuel quality by 2017. Further, an additional investment of Rs. 30,000 crore has been estimated for BS-VI fuel quality upgradation.
(c) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)/Refineries have already initiated actions to meet the BS-VI fuel quality across the country by 01.04.2020. Further, Department of Heavy Industries has informed that Vehicle Manufacturing Companies have not expressed any such inability.
(d) & (e) Government had constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Soumitra Choudhuri, Ex-member, Planning Commission (now Niti Aayog), to draft Auto Fuel Vision and Policy, 2025. The Committee has submitted its report. As per recommendations, this Ministry has notified a schedule on 19.1.2015 for phased introduction of BS-IV fuels in the entire country by 01.04.2017.
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